

CHAPTER IV

LAND USE ELEMENT

This element presents a land use plan to serve Vance County as a guide for federal, state, and local governmental decision making on all matters relating to the use of the land within Vance County until the year 2000. The Vance County Land Use Element will also facilitate the coordination of local, state, substate, and federal land use policies and plans. This plan has been prepared in coordination with the previously HUD certified Region K Land Use Element adopted by the Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments in May of 1978.

The land use element will assess the existing use of Vance County's land and provide relevant existing land use data. Vance County's existing land use will then be weighed against the region's projected population to provide an indication of what the region's future land use needs will be in terms of acreage. The completed acreages will then be allocated by geographical area according to present and expected development trends and will indicate approximately where the county's predominate growth will take place. In addition, those areas in which development will be discouraged or conservation areas will be depicted. Once these areas have been determined, land use goals will be established to indicate the type and intensity of growth desired in Vance County. Following the establishment of the land use goals, specific objectives will be devised to provide an incremental method of attaining the established goals. Specific land use policies and programs will then be formulated to provide the framework from which to implement and accomplish